

After the earthly Life

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Three Present Worlds

There are three worlds in existence: the world on the earth, the world under the earth (the underworld), the world above the earth (the heavens).

"so that at the Name of Jesus all knees should bend in heaven, on earth and among the dead" (Philippians 2.10).

*"And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted **up** to heaven? You will be thrown **down** to the place of the dead! (Matthew 11.23).*

"Then I heard the voice of the whole universe, heaven, earth, sea and the place of the dead; every creature cried out: To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be praise, honor, glory and power for ever and ever" (Revelation 5.13).

There are beings in heaven, on the earth and beneath the earth. All beings bow to the Lord Jesus. In heaven, there are angels and human beings. On the earth, there are only human beings. In the underworld, there are angels and human beings.

The world on the earth

The life of a human being begins at conception. The earth is the first home for every human. A human being cannot be born in heaven or in the underworld. A human being can be born only by another human being. The child, born of a woman, is not just a body, but a spirit with a body. The spirit is the invisible elements (the desire, mind, will and character) of man which cannot be physically touched. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Prov. 23.7). God's redemption work is principally to change the invisible elements (spiritual aspects) of a person. All redemptive work in a man is done only during his earthly life. The state of a person's spiritual life on the earth determines his destination after his earthly life. All men are born sinners but not all die as sinners. Some change to become righteous and holy while others remain unrighteous.

A human being born on the earth has both spiritual and bodily life. Bodily life received at birth on the earth is temporal.

The world under the earth (the underworld)

The underworld is a place for unholy and unrighteous beings. It is a place for humans and angels who, due to disobedience, do not have a place in heaven. Unrighteous human beings who die bodily and the fallen angels (angels who have been sent out of heaven), have their place in the underworld. The human beings in the underworld are those who passed out of their earthly lives without being reconciled to God through the blood of Christ Jesus.

The underworld was initially prepared for the rebellious angels but rebellious men (humans who disobey God) are also sent to hades because no place could be found for them in heaven.

The underworld is found beneath the earth:

"He ascended: this refers to the one who first descended to the dead in the lower parts of the world" (Ephesians 4.9).

"or who will go down to the world below? (because in fact Christ came up from among the dead)" (Romans 10.7).

The underworld, also known as hell, is made of two places:

- 1) The prison of hell
- 2) Hell Fire or Lake of fire

The world above the earth (the heavens)

Heaven is a place for holy beings. It is the place of the Holy God, the holy angels and holy human beings. Obedient angels have their place in heaven. Two groups of human beings are found in heaven:

1) Righteous and Holy men who have died bodily and are awaiting the resurrection (Rev 6.9; Luke 23.43)

2). Holy men who have been resurrected and have put on the new incorruptible bodies. The Lord Jesus in his resurrection put on a new body and was taken up to heaven. On the day of the Lord's resurrection, some old covenant saints were resurrected into new bodies and taken up to heaven. The saints that will be on the earth at the time of the Lord's return will be changed to put on a new body and taken into heaven (1 Cor 15.12).

There are many places in heaven (John 14.2-3). God's place is where his throne is. The place for the righteous and holy men is called paradise. Paradise is the place that God prepared for man in the beginning when man had not sinned. When man sinned, he was driven from his place in heaven. God reconciled the world to himself in Christ Jesus, and those who receive his forgiveness are restored to their place in Paradise (Luke 23.43; Rev 2.7).

The Old Testament saints were still held in the underworld awaiting their deliverance in Christ. They were not taken up to heaven at the moment of their bodily death because they were still to be perfected through the atoning blood of Christ (Matthew 27.52-53). When the blood of Christ was shed on the cross, Christ Jesus went down into hades to administer liberty to some (1 Peter 3.19).

The Lord Jesus has the keys of hell and death (Rev 1.18). Lucifer has no power over death and hell. The Lord Jesus has the power over hades. He alone decides who goes to hell or heaven. The devil is promising paradise to many people even though he himself has no place in heaven. The devil cannot grant paradise to anyone. Only Jesus can take anyone up to paradise.

Death & Life

Death

Death occurs when a human being loses his body and/or spirit. The death of the body does not occur at the same time as the death of the spirit. The death of the body occurs when the body suffers an irreparable damage that stops the body from functioning properly, causing it to give up the spirit. The death of the spirit occurs only when God passes a death sentence on a soul at judgement. Anybody can kill the body but only God can kill the soul.

Loss of Body (First Death)

The first death is the loss of bodily life. The human body knew corruption because of sin. Flesh and blood or anything that decays cannot inherit eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:50). All must die bodily because all have sinned. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Both the righteous and the unrighteous experience this first death except the raptured, whose bodies will be changed to put on incorruption. Human beings may die bodily but they are still alive in spirit until sentenced to death.

Loss of Spirit (Second & Eternal Death)

The second death is the death of the soul. This death is final and irreversible.

But I tell you, my friends, never be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can't do anything more. I'll show you the one you should be afraid of. Be afraid of the one who has the authority to throw you into hell after killing you. Yes, I tell you, be afraid of him!(Luke 12:4-5).

A soul is sentenced to death in the lake of fire after being judged by the Holy One. After every judgement, all those whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life (the book of the Lord Jesus) are thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death (Rev 20.14-15).

Life

Human beings on the earth have both the spiritual and bodily life (life in spirit and body). Both lives originate from God. In the creation, God first made man out of dust (bodily life) and then made man a soul (spiritual man) by breathing in him the breath of life. God made the body from dust and made the spirit (soul) by spirit. God made man in his image by making him a spiritual being.

Bodily Life

Bodily life is received in two ways: **by natural birth or by resurrection.**

The life received by natural birth is the first life. All those who receive life by natural birth, live only temporarily (they will die bodily), but all those who live bodily by resurrection, live forever. Human beings who obey God's decrees during their earthly lives, after the first death, are resurrected to live forever.

The life received by the resurrection is the second life. This is the immortal life. Those who obey God and believe in the Lord Jesus are raised from the dead to put on immortality. They have bodies that do not die or get sick.

For it is necessary that our mortal and perishable being put on the life that knows neither death nor decay. When our perishable being puts on imperishable life, when our mortal being puts on immortality, the word of Scripture will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up by victory (1 Corinthians 15.51-52

'... then in the twinkling of an eye, the dead will be raised imperishable, while we shall be transformed'(1 Corinthians 15.52)

The dead saints in Christ Jesus will all hear the voice of the Son of God and come back to life (John 5.25).

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Son of Man raised himself back to life and he will raise the righteous to eternal life (Romans 8.11). Because he lives, the righteous will live too. His resurrection is the evidence of the resurrection of the righteous (Acts 4.2;1 Corinthians 15.12-16).

"As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to whom he wills"(John 5.21)

During Jesus earthly ministry, he raised some dead people back to the natural life (Mathew 11.5; Luke 7.15; John 11.44). This was not the resurrection life because they were only raised back to their corruptible bodies (still to die).

Spiritual Life

Every human being born to the earth is a spirit, and as such, has spiritual life. The life that God breathe into the nostrils of Adam, which made him a living soul, is passed on to his seed. Every child born to the earth is a child of Adam.

The natural spiritual life received from Adam, lacks strength and power, because the spirit of the fallen natural man is not united to the spirit of God. The fallen natural man can never do the will of God nor can it rule over the human nature. The natural man is ruled by his own carnal desires because he lacks spiritual power.

Every human being on the earth can have a new spiritual life, a life completely different from that which he received at birth. This new life is found in Christ Jesus. This was made possible by death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. The spirit of the Lord Jesus unites with the spirits of his followers and brings them to a new spiritual life, a life of power and strength to subdue all things. When a person unites to the Lord Jesus, he receives a new spiritual life. The spirit of Christ is the power of the resurrection already at work in believers on the earth. This is the power that will raise the dead saints to immortality. It is only by uniting with the spirit of Christ, that men receive power to become sons of God. It is only in him, that any human can bear fruit. In him, any human

can discern God's perfect will and be strengthened to do them. Human moral conduct and discipline can never bring any man to perfection, only the spirit of Christ Jesus can. The Lord Jesus died to give man this new spiritual life. He gives to true believers, a new life in his spirit. He does not give religion. Religion cannot bestow the power to overcome all things. This new life in the spirit of Christ should be the primary search for all men.

So if you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who keep asking him! (Luke11.13).

Paradise in Heaven

Paradise, a Home for the Righteous after the earthly Life

When a righteous man dies bodily, he goes to be with the Lord in paradise. Paradise is the comfortable waiting place for the true righteous people of God. It is a place prepared by the Lord for the righteous.

The Lord Jesus told the repentant thief on the cross;

"I tell you with certainty, today you will be with me in Paradise (Luke 23.43).

The Lord Jesus told his disciples:

"In my Father's house, there are many rooms. Otherwise I would not have told you that I go to prepare a place for you" After I have gone and prepared a place for you, I shall come again and take you to me, so that where I am, you also may be"

The spirits of the righteous remain with the Lord in paradise until judgement and resurrection. The Lord God is Lord of both the living and the dead (Matthew 22.32).

Paradise, a Present Place in Heaven

Man, in the first Adam, lost his place in heaven because of sin. Man, in the Last Adam, the Lord Jesus, won back the lost paradise. Jesus reconciled man to God in his death on the cross. Those who receive his forgiveness are granted access to paradise. He is the way to heaven. In him, mankind obtains the forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God.

Paradise is a present reality. Apostle Paul had out/in of body experiences to paradise.

I know that this man—whether in his body or outside of his body, I do not know, but God knows—was snatched away to Paradise and heard things that cannot be expressed in words, things that no human being has a right even to mention (2 Cor. 12.3-4).

The tree of life found in paradise is a present reality. The tree of life is a reward to believers in Christ Jesus who overcome (Rev. 2.7).

Paradise, Man's Original Place in Heaven

Paradise is a place in heaven that was prepared by God for man at the creation. In the beginning, God made the earth and made the heavens. Genesis 1 recounts how God made the earth, the plants and animals including man. Genesis 2 gives more details on how God planted a garden in Eden and created a living soul.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be masters over the fish in the ocean, the birds that fly, the livestock, everything that crawls on the earth, and over the earth itself!" So God created mankind in his own image; in his own image God created them; he created them male and female. God blessed these humans by saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it! Be masters over the fish in the ocean, the birds that fly, and every living thing that crawls on the earth!" God also told them, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant that grows throughout the earth, along with every tree that grows seed-bearing fruit. They will produce your food. I have given all green plants as food for every wild animal of the earth, every bird that flies, and to every living thing that crawls on the earth." And that is what happened. Now God saw all that he had made, and indeed, it was very good! The twilight and the dawn were the sixth day. With this the heavens and the earth were completed, including all of their vast array.

By the seventh day God had completed the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he stopped working on everything that he had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God stopped working on everything that he had been creating. These are the records of how the heavens and the earth were created. On the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, no shrubs had yet

grown in the meadows of the earth and no vegetation had sprouted, because the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there were no human beings to work the ground. Instead, an underground stream would rise from the earth and water the surface of the ground. So the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground, breathed life into his lungs, and the man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east, where he placed the man whom he had formed.

The LORD God caused every tree that is both beautiful and suitable for food to spring up out of the ground. The tree of life was also in the middle of the garden, along with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides, becoming four branches. The name of the first one is Pishon—it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. The gold of that land is pure; bdellium and onyx are also found there. The name of the second river is Gihon—it winds through the entire land of Cush. The third river is named the Tigris—it flows to the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates. The LORD God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden in order to have him work it and guard it. The LORD God commanded the man: "You may freely eat from every tree of the garden, but you are not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because you will certainly die during the day that you eat from it (Gen 1.26-30 & 2:1-17).

In Genesis 1, God made light (the sun and the moon), the fishes, the animals, the green vegetation and all kinds of seed bearing plants. Then, God made man in his image. He gave to man, all the seed bearing plants for food. He also instructed man to multiply and dominate the earth.

Genesis 2 gives more details about the creation of man as highlighted in Genesis 1. In Genesis 2, after God made man, he breathed into his nostrils, the breath of life and man became a living soul. He then planted a garden in Eden (paradise). He caused the earth of this garden to bring forth all kinds of beautiful trees suitable as food for man. Two of the mentioned trees were the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life.

In Genesis 1, God made the earth. In Genesis 2, God planted a garden.

In Genesis 1, God made man and gave him food suitable for his body (seed bearing plants and fruit bearing trees). He gave the other animals, green grass for food. In

Genesis 2, God made man a living soul and gave him all the food suitable to him as a living soul (the trees bearing spiritual fruits). God caused the earth of the garden to grow trees suitable for food to man.

In Genesis 1, God told man to multiply and subdue the earth. In Genesis 2, God tells man to work and guard the garden. Man was given both the earth and the garden.

The Garden of Eden is not on the earth. It is a place in the heavens that God gave man from the beginning. The garden of Eden is also called paradise. Paradise was a place of spiritual nourishment which God made for man. He gave man all kinds of spiritual fruit bearing trees suitable as food to the human soul. There were many trees in paradise but only two are mentioned by name; the tree of life, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We do not know the names of the other trees.

There are also rivers in the garden. These rivers are not earthly rivers. There are earthly rivers that have been named after some of the rivers found in Eden, but, it does not in any way, suggest that their location is called Paradise. Some earthy things are named after popular bible names. History records reveal that, Noah's flood had changed the course of every stream and river. Some heavenly realities are quite similar to earthly realities. In heaven, there is a river before the throne of God. God moves in a chariot. The eyes of the Lord are like fire, his hair as white as wool and his feet as bronze. The streets of heaven are made of gold. There are trees in heaven. There is ground in heaven. These heavenly realities are quite similar to earthly realities.

God made the food of the earth to suit man as bodily man but made the food of paradise to suit man as a soul. When Adam sinned, he fell from his place in heaven and was barred from re-entering paradise. Man became fallen and was thus restricted only to the earth until the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

The Resurrected Man in Paradise

God's people, resurrected before the millennial reign, dwell in Paradise. Just like the Lord Jesus Christ, after his resurrection, they have bodies. The Lord, after his resurrection, could touch, eat, talk, walk and do other things. The Lord ascended into

heaven both body and soul. Some old covenant saints were resurrected and caught up to heaven on the day of the Lord's resurrection (Mat 27.53). On the day of the Lord, the resurrected saints will drink with the Lord.

I tell you, I will never again drink the product of the vine until that day when I drink it with you once again in my Father's kingdom (Mat 26.29)."

Hell (the Underworld)

The underworld is also known as hell. Hell has two places: the prison of hell and Hell fire.

Prison of Hell

The prison of hell is a temporary place in the underworld for the Unrighteous after the earthly life. The unrighteous remain in the prison of hell till the day of judgement.

The righteous people who are bad and the unrighteous are not the children of God. They belong to the evil one. They are not with God during their earthly lives and as such when they die bodily, they do not go to be with God. They remain separated from God.

God has prepared a prison in the underworld for those who do not belong to him by reason of their disobedience. If an unrighteous man (a man that was never reconciled to God during the earthly life) dies bodily, his soul goes to hell. Hell is a present reality. The righteous are with the Lord in paradise and wait in the comfort of paradise for judgement unto resurrection, but the unrighteous wait in hell for judgement.

All humans are doomed to die bodily. After bodily death, every soul has a destination. Hell is the only destination for the unrighteous soul after the earthly life.

God gave the Israelites, the law, for righteousness. None was found perfect by the old covenant laws. Thus, no one could ascend to heaven before the blood of Christ was shed. The old covenant saints were held below in the underworld. Even prophet Samuel was held below in the underworld (1 Samuel 28.11-15). The blood of Christ made perfect in righteousness, the old covenant saints. On the day that the Lord resurrected from the grave, they were liberated from the pangs of hell. They resurrected to life and went to heaven. Also, the Lord at his death descended to the underworld to make

proclamation to the imprisoned spirits who disobeyed God at the time of Noah (1Pe 3:19).

The righteous in Christ Jesus DO NOT go to hell. Only the unrighteous go to hell.

The Pharisees and the scribes were all candidates for hell.

How terrible it will be for you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to make a single convert, and when this happens you make him twice as fit for hell as you are (Mat 23.15).

All humans are in danger of being sent to hell except they turn away from their sins.

But I say to you, anyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to punishment. And whoever says to his brother 'Raka!' will be subject to the Council. And whoever says 'You fool!' will be subject to hell fire (Mat. 5.22).

And you, Capernaum! You won't be lifted up to heaven, will you? You'll go down to Hell! Because if the miracles that happened in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained to this day (Mat 11.23).

You snakes, you children of serpents! How can you escape being condemned to hell? (Mat 23.33).

The prison of hell is also the place of the fallen angels. They are chained in hell, awaiting judgement.

He has also held in eternal chains those angels who did not keep their own position but abandoned their assigned place. They are held in deepest darkness for judgment on the great day (Jude 1.6).

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but threw them into the lowest hell and imprisoned them in chains of deepest darkness, holding them for judgment (2 Peter 2.4).

On the day of the Lord, just before the millennial reign, the devil will be thrown into the prison of hell (Rev 20:7).

Hell Fire or Lake of Fire

Hell fire is an eternal place in the underworld for the unrighteous after judgement. This place is also called Fires of Hell or Lake of fire and sulphur.

Hell fire is the final destination of a sinful soul or angelic being. A human soul or angelic being that gets to this place can never be brought back. This is a place of no return.

This is the second death—the lake of fire. *Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20.14-15).*

Hell fire is also called the place of torture.

*..and the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were. They will be **tortured day and night forever and ever** (Rev. 20.10).*

*These people will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous will go into eternal life." (Mat 25.46)*

The terms “tortured day and night forever and ever”, and “eternal punishment” means that the punishment of hell fire is irreversible and everlasting. It means that the punishment, of loss of soul/being (death), will last for all eternity. The soul/being was created to live and not die. The most torturous punishment to a soul or living creature is death (loss of self). Death is the eternal destruction of the soul. People of the earth mourn when a person dies bodily because they know that death is the greatest loss to a human being. It is the highest form of punishment that is given by earthly courts. If a person is dead, he can have nothing.

*Such people will suffer the punishment of **eternal destruction** by being separated from the Lord's presence and from his glorious power (2 Thess.1.9).*

Hell fire or lake of fire is the place of eternal death. Anyone who is sent there, will never live again. It is an irreversible sentence. A death sentence is passed by a judge only after the culprit is judged and found guilty. No man is sent to hell fire except after judgement. Sinners wait for judgement in the prison of hell. During judgement, if their names are not found in the book of life, they are sent to hell fire.

*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels are with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be assembled in front of him, and he will cull them out, one from another, like a shepherd separates sheep from goats."Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who are accursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels! ...These people will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous will go into eternal life.'" (Mat 25:41-46)*

Hell fire was originally prepared for the devil and his angels

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who are accursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels! (Mat 25.41).

The power of hell is sin. Hell loses its power over holy men (Mat 16.18). If sin abounds, hell will always be populated. Anyone who does not want to go to hell, must separate himself from sin or anything that causes him/her to stumble. Better to lose a lustful eye than to go to hell because of that eye. It is better to lose a hand that kills or steals and go to heaven than keep both hands and be lost in hell fire (Mark 9.42-48).

So if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life injured or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell fire (Mat 18.8-9).

The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man

*"Once there was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and live in great luxury every day. A beggar named Lazarus, who was covered with sores, was brought to his gate. He was always trying to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs used to come and lick his sores. "One day the beggar died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In the afterlife, where he was in **constant torment**, he looked up and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus by his side. So he shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to cool off my tongue,*

because **I am suffering in this fire**". But Abraham said, 'My child, remember that during your lifetime you received blessings, while Lazarus received hardships. But now he is being comforted here, while you suffer. Besides all this, a wide chasm has been fixed between us, so that those who want to cross from this side to you cannot do so, nor can they cross from your side to us' The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house—because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they won't end up in **this place of torture**, too". Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They should listen to them!'. But the rich man replied, 'No, father Abraham! But if someone from the dead went to them, they would repent.' Then Abraham told him, 'If your brothers do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded, even if someone were to rise from the dead" (Luke 16.19-31).

The above story is a figurative story that illustrates hell fire. "Constant torment" is the eternal punishment of the Lake of fire. Anything that is in the lake of fire is described as being under torture (weeping and gnashing of teeth). Weeping and gnashing of teeth are expressions that describe the level of torture that death means to a soul/living being. The main purpose of this story was to describe the measure of torture of hell fire. The rich man, Lazarus and Abraham were just used as illustrations figures. Nobody who goes to hell fire/lake of fire can ever live again to tell the experience. The lake of fire is the place of eternal death. A place of death is a place of torture.

"Whoever worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or his hand will drink the wine of God's wrath, which has been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger. **He will be tortured with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the lamb. The smoke from their torture goes up forever and ever.** There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image or for anyone who receives the mark of its name" (Rev 14.9-11)

The smoke from their torture goes up forever and ever means that, the torture of their eternal destruction (death) is forever more. They have passed out of existence never to live again.

The Lake of Fire is a present Reality

The lake of fire is a present and real place in the underworld. At the end of all things, death and hell will be destroyed in the lake of fire. After judgement, the guilty are transferred from the prison of hell to the lake of fire.

Judgments of the “Dead” & the Resurrections

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb 9.27)

All men are destined to face judgement after bodily death. Every soul must give an account of his earthly life before the living God.

The Bible reveals three judgements of the dead that would occur from the day of the death of Lord on the cross to the coming new earth (Mathew 27.52-53; Rev 20.4-6; Rev. 21.27). The first judgement judged the house of old Israel. The second judgement will judge the new Israel (household of God in Christ Jesus). The third judgement (the last judgement) will judge the entire human race. After every judgement, there is a resurrection of those found worthy to inherit eternal life and a condemnation of those who are guilty.

The Old Israel

Judgment

Daniel received from God, revelations concerning Israel from the time of their Babylonian captivity to the last days. Israel would suffer many years of foreign dominion, after which, their messiah would appear.

*At that time Michael will arise, the great prince who will stand up on behalf of your people, and a time of trouble will come like there has never been since nations began until that time. Also at that time, your people will be delivered—everyone who will have been written in the book. **Many of those who are sleeping in the dust of the earth will awaken—some to life everlasting, and some to disgrace and everlasting contempt** (Daniel 12.1-2).*

Daniel wrote about the judgement of the house of Israel. When their deliverer appears, the spirits of many dead Jews would be awakened for judgement unto condemnation or eternal life.

In the earthly days of the Lord Jesus Christ, Israel was suffering in the hands of the Romans. They were waiting for their messiah to come and deliver them from the Romans. The Lord Jesus, their messiah, did appear. He delivered them from the hands of the “king of Rome”, the serpent, the devil by his death on the cross. He brought salvation to as many as would receive it. His shed blood on the cross brought a new spiritual life to those who were alive on the earth. His blood opened the gateway of heaven for all saints whether dead or alive. His blood meant deliverance of the dead saints from the underworld.

Resurrection of the Faithful and Holy Jews

The faithful Jews, whose names were found in the Lambs book of life at judgement, were resurrected to life. On the day of the Lord's death, tombs were opened. After the Lord's resurrection, many dead holy Jews came out of their tombs back to life. Like the Lord Jesus, they also had resurrected bodies. The blood of Jesus Christ for atonement of sins gained them entrance into heaven. They were set free from the underworld and taken up to heaven.

...tombs were opened, and many saints who had died were brought back to life. After his resurrection, they came out of their tombs and went into the Holy City and appeared to many people (Mat. 27.52-53).

New Israel (God's Household in Christ Jesus)

Judgement

All righteous people will be judged. Judgement begins with the household of God. He judged the house of old Israel. He is going to judge the new Israel. It is hard for a righteous man to be saved (1 Pet. 4.17-18).

“All of us must appear before the judgement seat of the messiah, so that each of us may receive what he deserves for what he has done in his body, whether good or worthless” (2 Cor. 5.10).

*“The kingdom from heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea that gathered all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen hauled it ashore. Then they sat down, sorted the good fish into containers, and threw the bad ones away. That is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out, cull out the **evil people from among the righteous ones**, and will throw them into a blazing furnace. In that place there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Mat 13.47-50).*

At the Lord's second coming, before the millennial reign, the dead in the house of new Israel, will be judged, unto eternal life or condemnation. The Lord Jesus will return at the sound of the last trumpet (1 Cor 15.52).

When the seventh angel blew his trumpet... It is time for the dead to be judged—to reward your servants, the prophets, the saints, and all who fear your name, both unimportant and important, and to destroy those who destroy the earth (Rev 11.15-18).

All the righteous shall be judged by their fruit – their nature. The tares will be pulled up and thrown into the burning furnace while the wheat will be taken into eternal life. Not all the righteous belong to God. Some righteous people belong to the devil. These are those who believe in the Lord Jesus but remain in deadly sins. During their earthly lives, they do not or did not live according to the true gospel. As a result, no good fruit can be found in them.

A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit (Mat 7.18; Luke 19.26).

The righteous people that are using up God's ground without bearing fruit will be cut off (Luk 13.6-9).

"Not everyone who says to me: Lord! Lord! will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my heavenly Father. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not speak in your name? Did we not cast out devils and perform many miracles in your name?" (Matthew 7.21-22).

*The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather from his kingdom everything that causes others to sin and those who practice lawlessness and they will throw them into a blazing furnace. **In that place** there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Mat 13.41-42).*

Resurrection of the Holy People of God

At the judgment of the New Israel, the holy ones will be rewarded with eternal life, crowns, and thrones. This is the first resurrection of a large number (Rev 7.9). They will become a line of priests and kings for God (Rev 5.10). They shall rule the world with the Lord during the millennial reign (Rev 20.4). The measure of each person's reward depends on the measure of his fruitfulness (Luk 19.11-27). The more a person has, the more rewards the person will receive.

There were thrones and seated on them were those with the power to judge. I then saw the spirits of those who had been beheaded for having held the teachings of Jesus and on account of the word of God. I saw all those who had refused to worship the beast or its image, or receive its mark on the forehead or on the hand. They returned to life and reigned with the Messiah for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. The rest of the dead will not return to life before the end of the thousand years." Revelation 20.4-5

Happy and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection, for the second death has no power over them; they will be priests of God and of his Messiah and reign with him a thousand years (Rev 20.6).

Judgement of the whole Human Race

This is the last and final judgement. All humans that had ever lived since the foundation of the earth will be awakened for judgement. They will be judged according to their works. Those who did not hear the gospel of the kingdom of God will be judged by their works. All mankind has the light of the conscience to discern good and evil. Every man knows that which is good and that which is bad, thus, all shall be judged according to their works.

*After that I saw a great and splendid throne and the one seated upon it. At once heaven and earth disappeared, leaving no trace. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before the throne while books were opened. Another book, the Book of Life, was also opened. **Then the dead were judged according to the records of these books, that is, each one according to his works.** The sea gave up the dead it had kept, as did death and the netherworld, so that all might be judged according to their works. Then death and the netherworld were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. All who were not recorded in the Book of Life were thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had passed away and no longer was there any sea. (Rev 20.11-15 & 21.1).*

Unbelievers, unfaithful, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars (Rev 21.8), will be condemned to death.

Resurrection of those whose names are found in the Lamb's Book of Life

At the judgement, the good deeds of all men will be remembered (Luke 14.13-14). The resurrected will live to God. They will no longer be given to marriage (Luke 20.35).

Nothing unclean, or anyone who does anything detestable, and no one who tells lies will ever enter it. Only those whose names are written in the lamb's Book of Life will enter it (Rev 21.27).

Destruction of the Devil

The fallen angels will face the judgement tribunal. The devil has already been condemned to death. At the end of all things, the devil will be destroyed. His destruction has already been decreed. His life time is short.

...and of judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged (John 16.11)

...and the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were. They will be tortured day and night forever and ever (Rev 20.10).

The Coming New Earth

The Lord Jesus and the resurrected saints will rule the earth from heaven during the millennial reign. After the last judgement, the new Jerusalem (God's heavenly household) will come down from heaven and dwell among men on the new earth (Rev 21.9-10).

In the new earth, there will be no seas (Rev 21.1) and no marriage (Mathew 22.30). There will be no death or hell, for hell will be consumed in the lake of fire (Rev 20.14).

Who are the Predestined?

God predestines some to be adopted in Christ Jesus as sons of God (Eph. 1.4-5). He predestines some as vessels of mercy (Romans 9.14-21). He hardens the heart of some (Romans 9.18) and blinds the eyes of others (Mathew 13.13-14) so that they never get to salvation.

Does God choose to save Mr X just because he is Mr X? Does God reject Mr Y just because he is Mr Y? Is God's choice of predestination unfair? Certainly Not! God's choice of predestination is fair. He does not make his choice by random individual selection. He has a criterion for selecting an individual or a group of individuals.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that the Son might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined, he also called; and those whom he called, he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified (Romans 8.29-30).

God knows the heart of all people from the time that they are being formed in the womb. He chose Jacob over Esau while they were still in the womb. He knew prophet Jeremiah right from the womb and destined him to be a prophet (Jeremiah 1.5). The heart of every man is open before God. Even before any man reaches maturity, God knows him already.

There are four different kinds of heart. Each human being has one of these types of hearts:

- 1) The pathway heart
- 2) The heart of rock
- 3) The heart of thorns
- 4) The good heart

Then he began to tell them many things in parables. He said, "Listen! A farmer went out to sow. As he was sowing, some seeds fell along the path, and birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on stony ground, where they did not have a lot of soil. They sprouted at once because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, they were scorched. Since they did not have any roots, they dried up. Other seeds fell among thorn bushes, and the thorn bushes grew higher and choked them out. But other seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop, some 100, some 60, and some 30 times what was sown (Mat 13.3-8).

God is interested only in the good heart. A good heart is not a heart that has never sinned, neither is it a heart that has sinned little. The good heart is the heart, upon hearing the voice of God, listens, repents, and obeys till the end.

No one is born with a good heart.

As it is written, "Not even one person is righteous. No one understands. No one searches for God. All have turned away. They have become completely worthless. No one shows kindness, not even one person! (Rom 3.10-12)

No one comes to God except God draws him (John 6.44).

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (phil 2.13KJV).

God works to bring us to newness of heart. The work of salvation begins with repentance. Not all respond to God's inner working. They refuse to listen or obey, thus, their hearts remain bad. While we are still in the womb, God knows the hearts that will yield to his inner workings. He knows the hearts that will learn from him and then, will, to repent. God works in us to make us willing to repent. He works to give us new hearts.

It is written in the Prophets, 'And all of them will be taught by God.' Everyone who has listened to the Father and has learned anything comes to me (John 6.45).

From conception, God knows those that will respond to his workings and those that will not. Those whom he knows will have a change of hearts; he predestines them to become sons of God, calls them and sanctifies them.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image

*of his Son, in order that the Son might be the firstborn among many brothers. **And those whom he predestined, he also called; and those whom he called, he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified** (Romans 8.29-30).*

All are born sinners. From birth, all are unrighteous and thus are fit for destruction. All were destined for death. God, in his sovereign good will, choose to change the destiny of many. Those who listen to his voice and choose to repent unto obedience, receive God's mercy unto salvation. God wants to save as many that can be saved. If all would listen to his voice and, will, to repent, then all will be destined for salvation. Not all would listen. Not all would want to repent. As such, not all can be predestined to be saved or have a change of destiny from death to life. By their refusal to listen and repent to obey God, they seal their destiny unto death. The loving God wants none to perish but their unrepentance is the cause of their destruction.

While in the womb, God knows those that will never yield to his inner workings. The spirit of God will not wrestle with human flesh. He blinds those with bad hearts so that they never see again or send them a spirit of delusion so that they believe a lie (2 Thess. 2.10-11). Many Pharisees refused to believe God even after seeing all the works that the Lord Jesus had done. Judas Iscariot still betrayed his master even after hearing the good news and seeing all the powerful works of his master. The wicked people of the earth refuse to do good even when they know the right thing to do (Romans 1.20-24).

He predestines and uses those with bad hearts to execute his plan for mankind. He allowed the Pharisees to plot the death of Jesus. He hardened Pharaoh's heart to show forth his glory to his people and the whole world. He allowed Judas Iscariot to betray his master. He allows the devil to persecute the church.

He foreknows those that will have good hearts and those that will not. He predestines for salvation, those who will want to repent. He calls them, justifies them, sanctifies them, and glorifies them.

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